

SYSTEM OF FORMING A SHEET OF EASILY AND CLEANLY SEPARABLE  
PRINTABLE MEDIA

Abstract of the Disclosure

Two pairs of parallel substantial-cut or scored lines extend the length of a card stock sheet and short through-cut lines extend between each of the pairs to define two columns of business card blanks on the sheet. The sheet is passed through a laser or ink jet printer or copier, printing the desired identifying or other indicia on the blanks. The blanks are then separated along the substantial-cut and through-cut lines and the waste sheet portions at the ends, sides, and between the columns are disposed of. The business cards separate cleanly along the substantial-cut lines, superior to the microperforated business card separation lines. Even with the substantial-cut and full-cut lines, the card stock sheets have enough integrity to reliably pass through the printer without breaking apart. To make for a cleaner break (or business card edge) along the substantial-cut lines, the substantial-cut lines can be made by scoring part way into the sheet on both opposing sheet faces. Also, cleaner break lines can be provided by first subjecting the sheet to a process, such as supercalendering, which makes the sheet more brittle and/or densifies the paper fibers.